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## Biographies of Al-Qaida's "Distinguished Martyrs" in Mesopotamia" (Abu Musab al-Zarqawi)



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### • Abu Tarek al-Yemeni

*"May Allah have mercy on his soul... Abu Tarek al-Yemeni was a pleasant lion and a determined man. He had a good sense of humor and was known for his pure and sincere faith in Allah. Abu Tarek was a highly revered individual who always received his due respect from everyone else... he knew how to be soft without showing any weakness, and to be resolute without being coarse. The martyr—may Allah have mercy on his soul—came to the noble battlefields of Iraq, accompanied by the courageous mujahid Abu Mohammed al-Lubnani—may Allah allow him to join the ranks of the martyrs. Al-Yemeni and his brothers attended the famous Rawa camp, where they all prepared and trained for the battles against the enemies of Allah and his messenger."*



*"Nonetheless, despite the careful precautions [of the mujahideen], the Jews had someone working for them inside the camp. The Jewish spy was of Yemeni descent and claimed to be a faithful Salafist. He had a well-groomed beard and appeared to be a Salafist in both his behavior and the way he spoke. The spy claimed to know 15 Quranic chapters by heart. Almost immediately following the departure of this pig from the camp, it was attacked. The camp was barbarically bombarded and more than eighty Arab mujahideen lost their lives in the attack—including the son of the courageous mujahid Abu Mohammed al-Lubnani. Abu Tarek and his comrade Abu Mohammed discovered the spy and prayed to Allah to give them a chance to have their revenge on the pig. Eventually, they managed to get their hands on him and, alas, what do you suppose they did to him? Prior to his death, this criminal mumbled all sorts of rubbish in Hebrew while he was sleeping, and yet vigorously denied speaking Hebrew as soon as he awoke. We would beat him, but he kept insisting that it was not Hebrew that he was speaking. We heard him speaking Hebrew several other times, and he repeatedly denied this fact. We later rendered upon him the justice that he deserved, all praise be to Allah!"*



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***“I personally knew the courageous martyr [Abu Tarek]... I had even had the honor of having him as a guest at my residence. He stayed at my residence for quite a long time and was indeed a great friend and brother. Al-Yemeni then set off for a different camp in order to attend an important training course along with a group of other mujahideen. He was appointed to be their commander, and according to what I was told later, he was a great commander as well. After completing the course, he came back and joined me at my residence once again.”***

***“However, while the martyr’s body was physically in Iraq, his heart was in Afghanistan. Along with several other brothers, al-Yemeni constantly insisted on going there. The necessary arrangements and preparations were made and they began their long and strenuous journey. There was a point on the border between Iran and Kurdistan where we had no other choice but to run across at night. With the exception of an overweight Kuwaiti brother, all members of the group quickly made their way across the border. Our friend [Abu Tarek al-Yemeni] rushed back to help the [Kuwaiti] brother and push him along as he ran. However, it was Allah’s desire for them both to be captured by the [Kurdish] Peshmerga scum. The Peshmerga beat the two of them badly, and afterwards, put them in a vehicle destined for prison. While they were en route [to jail], the hero Abu Tarek signaled to the other courageous [Kuwaiti] mujahid. He was indeed an overweight man, but he was also strong and courageous. The two of them attacked their two guards and the driver. One of the Peshmerga was killed and they held the other two Peshmerga [fighters] down. They tried to grab their rifle, but it was stuck in its place next to the driver. Abu Tarek then grabbed a large stone and pounded one of [their] heads until he made it as soft as a loaf of bread... After he was done with the first degenerate, he did the same thing to the other.”***

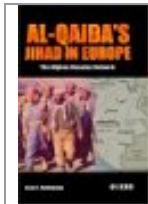
***“The brothers took the vehicle and drove away—only to be stopped at a Peshmerga checkpoint shortly afterwards, as they obviously were not familiar with the roads. Two high-performance Landcruiser vehicles full of troops greeted them at the checkpoint. The brothers and the Peshmerga engaged in battle. While they were driving, the brothers had managed to release the stuck Kalashnikov rifle, but it only had one clip of ammunition left. The hero Abu Tarek did his best to make every single shot aimed at the two vehicles count. However, he soon ran out of ammunition and they found themselves surrounded by the criminals. Once again, they ended up in jail—and we do not have to explain to you how these pure believers were treated by the degenerates because you are already well aware [that] only Allah could save them. After the Peshmerga were done interrogating the two, the brothers were turned over to the custody of the Americans. The mujahideen denied knowing each other and Abu Tarek even insisted that he was Iraqi. Allah made the Americans believe what he said to them, and so he was imprisoned for only six months before being released. One day, to my utter amazement and disbelief, he suddenly showed up at my residence. I could not believe my very eyes—how could this be?! What had possibly happened?! Can this be real?! Indeed, it was reality. The mujahid [Abu Tarek] then once again joined the mujahideen. At that point, increasing numbers of volunteers were joining the Tawheed wal-Jihad movement in the city of Baqubah, and one of the first and most notable to do so was Abu Tarek. It was there in Baqubah—during the same day that the whole world witnessed the mujahideen flood the city’s streets and seize control—that the martyr Abu Tarek displayed great courage, valiance, and a spirit of vengeance.”***

***“He had asked for death [during the battle]; however, this was not to be his fate and he later returned to his camp along with other mujahideen. Yet, on his return [to the camp], a warplane locked on to a location where mortars were being fired from. One of the bombs landed close to Abu Tarek and killed him. The knight—may Allah have mercy on his soul—became a martyr... However, [Abu Tarek] al-Yemeni left us with another knight who was responsible for killing at least as many enemies as [Abu***



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***Tarek] had. I speak of the courageous mujahid and heroic knight who has amazed the streets and alleyways of the Nazzal and Askari neighborhoods in Fallujah. This is none other than his mujahid brother, Abu Mardiya, [and] I beseech Allah that he recovers from his wounds. The hero [Abu Mardiya] sustained moderate injuries while carrying out a magnificent operation targeting two CIA vehicles on the road leading to the [Baghdad] airport. He is now recuperating and his feelings are best described by these words: ‘As soon as I am able to crawl again, I will spill the blood of the Jews.’ May Allah reward us with his grace for producing individuals like [Abu Mardiya] and Abu Tarek...”***



## Al-Qaida's Jihad in Europe: the Afghan-Bosnian Network

*"For Bin Laden's involvement in the Bosnian conflicts, see Evan F. Kohlmann, Al-Qaida's Jihad in Europe." - U.S. 9/11 Commission Final Report (July 2004)*

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